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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES AT 33RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
--USUN COMMENTS ON SCOPE PAPER

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1. USUN IS HAPPY WITH THE DRAFT OF SCOPE PAPER
CONTAINED IN REFTEL, BUT WE WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST
THE POSSIBILITY OF WORKING UP SEVERAL MORE INITIATIVES.
WE ALSO WILL WELCOME GENEVA'S FURTHER COMMENTS.

2. USUN BELIEVES WE OUGHT TO FOCUS ON POSSIBLE
INITIATIVES TO A) STRENGTHEN AND SUPPORT INDIAN
NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS APPROACH, AND B) EMPHASIZE THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE INTERDEPENDENCE AND INTER-
RELATEDNESS OF THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF
HUMAN RIGHTS. TO BEGIN THIS PROCESS, WE HAVE
SUGGESTED A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE STUDY OF
THE FEASIBILITY OF AN ANNUAL, COMPREHENSIVE NATIONAL
SELF-EVALUATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRESS TO BE
CONDUCTED BY UNRISD IN GENEVA. THE OBJECT WOULD BE
TO SUGGEST CATEGORIES FOR ALL THE GROUPS OF RIGHTS
THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT (HOPEFULLY) BY AUTONOMOUS
OR SEMI-AUTONOMOUS NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
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INSTITUTIONS. THIS WOULD JOIN THE CONCEPT OF THE
CASE-OMBUDSMAN APPROACH WITH THE NATIONAL SOCIAL
MONITORING APPROACH, AS WELL AS DRAWING TOGETHER
THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF HUMAN RIGHTS. IT WOULD
BE SIMILAR, IN SOME WAYS, TO THE PROPOSAL FOR A
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SOCIAL ADVISORS AND THE ANNUAL
NATIONAL SOCIAL AUDIT PROPOSED BY VICE PRESIDENT

MONDALE WHEN HE WAS A SENATOR IN 1966. SUCH AN INITIATIVE MIGHT WELL BE THE BASIS FOR A U.S. PROPOSAL AT THE SEMINAR ON NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN GENEVA IN SEPTEMBER.

3. USUN ALSO BELIEVES THAT A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE EFFORTS TO CREATE A FOOD CORPS AS A MEANS OF COMBATTING HUNGER MIGHT BE HELPFUL IF PLANS ARE SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED BY OCTOBER. THIS INITIATIVE WOULD FOCUS ON FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AS A HUMAN RIGHT. DR. MORGENTHAU WILL BE CONSULTED NEXT TIME SHE IS IN NEW YORK.

4. USUN WOULD LIKE TO FIND AN ANTI-RACISM INITIATIVE THAT WOULD NOT BE REPETITIVE OF WHAT THE DECADE AND THE WORLD CONFERENCE ARE DOING, COULD NOT BE TIED TO 3379, AND WOULD BE DESIGNED TO COMBAT RACISM IN ALL ITS FORMS.

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